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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. P043D2C3C)

In the Application of:

FARMWALD et al.

Serial No: 09/492,982

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Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY
DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA
INPUT LENGTH

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM
ISSUE SO THAT INFORMATION CAN BE CONSIDERED IN A
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants' hereby petition for withdrawal of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) so that an Information Disclosure Statement may be considered in a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). The above identified application has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid. Recently, several documents have been identified in a Notice of Opposition to European Patent 1 004 956, which includes claims that are similar to claims in the parent patent (i.e., U.S. Patent 6,034,918) of the instant application.

Since the voluminous nature of Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") and documents cited therein makes its submission by facsimile impractical, a copy of the IDS is attached hereto and the original IDS

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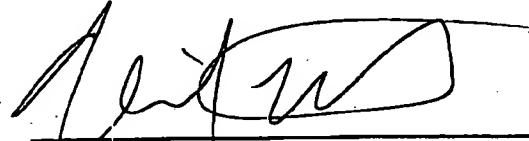
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and documents cited therein are being filed by First Class Mail concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby authorize charging deposit account no. 50-0998 the \$130.00 petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). If there are any further charges associated with this submission, please charge deposit account no. 50-0998.

Respectfully submitted,



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